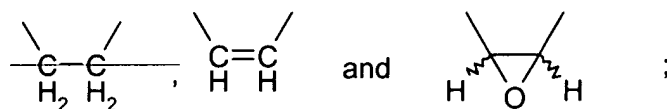


wherein:

A is a group selected from



X⁻ is an anion with a single negative charge;

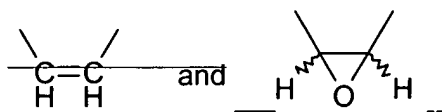
R¹ and R² are each independently a C₁-C₄-alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy or halogen;
and

R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF₃, CN, NO₂, or halogen,

with the proviso that at least one of the groups R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ is not hydrogen.--

--5. (Amended) The compound of formula 1 according to claim 4, wherein:

A is a group selected from



--6. (Amended) The compound of formula 1 according to claim 5, wherein:

R¹ and R² are each methyl; and

R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen or fluorine.--

--19. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics ~~may~~ provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 1.--

--20. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics ~~may~~ provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 2.--

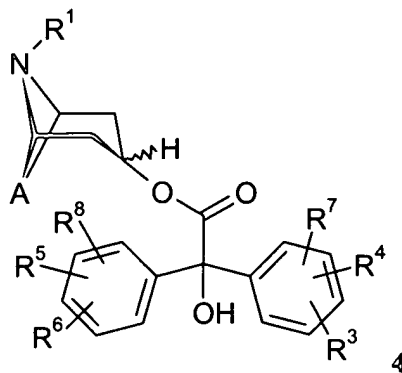
--21. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics ~~may~~ provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 3.--

--22. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics ~~may~~ provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula **1** according to claim 4.--

--23. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics ~~may~~ provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula **1** according to claim 5.--

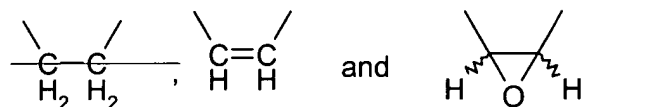
--24. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics ~~may~~ provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula **1** according to claim 6.--

--31. (Amended) A compound of formula **4**



wherein:

A is a group selected from



R¹ is a C₁-C₄-alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy or halogen; and

R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF₃, CN, NO₂, or halogen,

with the proviso that at least one of the groups R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ is not hydrogen.--